Subject No. 439.

Renowned temples at Talkad to be freed from sand and repairs executed at Government cost.

Mr. Siva Basavadevara of T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The village of Talkad is noted for the famous jatra of Puncha Linga Darsana. There are several renowned temples almost buried under sand. It is desirable that all the temples should be freed from sand and thoroughly repaired at the expense of Government, considering that they are worthy of being visited by a large number of pilgrims coming from a long distance. A channel may also be opened from Vighneswara temple as far as Hattikere Matt so as to keep the temples, Gokarna and the village itself always safe.

Reply of Government.—Panchalinga temples are held very sacred. The Muzrai Secretary will see and do what is possible. The Chief Engineer will again have the temples inspected and reported upon.

Subject No. 440.

Location of the Maharaja's Annachattram at Mysore in a more convenient place.

Mr. A. Ramanna.

Summary of discussion.—Having regard to the extension of the Mysore City, and for the sake of convenience to the travellers, the Annachattram of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore may be shifted from its present corner place to some central and convenient place in the city.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 441.

Barr Sepoys for guarding the temple jewels at Melkote.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Jewellery worth lakhs of rupees were endowed to the temple at Melkote by the Royal Family. Instead of adopting strong measures to prevent the occurrence of thefts the Government have kept these jewels in the Seringapatam Taluk Treasury thereby defeating the object of the endowers. It is therefore proposed that Barr Sepoys may be appointed to guard the temple and the jewels sent back to the temple to be used during the Utsavams.

Reply of Government.—This is not practicable.

Subject No. 442.

Revival of Mahanaivedyam in temples at Melkote.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It is proposed that the system of daily Mahanaivedyam in the temple which was in vogue may be revived for welfare of the State.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 443.

Repairs to and management of Basaveswara Temple at Hadya, Yedatore Taluk.

Mr. Madappa of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Basaveswara temple, which is a tiled house at Hadya village in the Yedatore Taluk, is in a dilapidated state without any roofing. The puja service in the temple has also ceased. The wet lands belonging to this temple bring in an annual gutta of 60 kandies of paddy. For want of proper supervision by Government for the past eight or nine years, the yield therefrom is reduced by half. About Rs. 1,400 or Rs. 1,500 is now in deposit at the credit of the said institution. It is therefore requested that, out of the said available funds, the temple building may be terraced and restored permanently, arrangements being also made for the regular performance of puja service there, and the annual gutta of the above lands enhanced.